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SOCHI, RUSSIA.



THIS IS THE HOME OF NIKOLAI KRILOV.

<GOOD NIGHT SOPHIA, MY LITTLE ANGEL.>*

*TRANSLATED FROM RUSSIAN.>

ONCE A HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL IN THE COMMUNIST PARTY, HE PARLAYED HIS CONNECTIONS INTO AN EXECUTIVE POSITION AT GAZPROM, THE LARGEST PROVIDER OF NATURAL GAS IN RUSSIA.


<GOOD NIGHT, PAPA.>

LOVING FATHER.

DEVOTED HUSBAND.


ZZZKX

TARGET.



MY EMPLOYER BELIEVES
THAT IN BUSINESS, ALL
DEALS MUST BE BASED
ON TRUST.

AND WHEN
THAT TRUST IS
BROKEN...



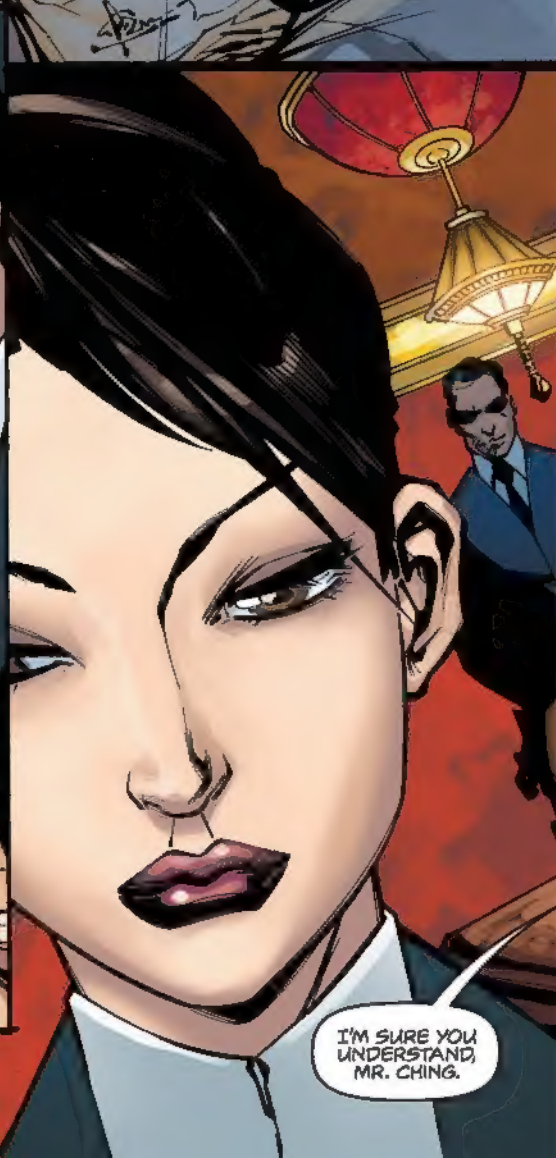
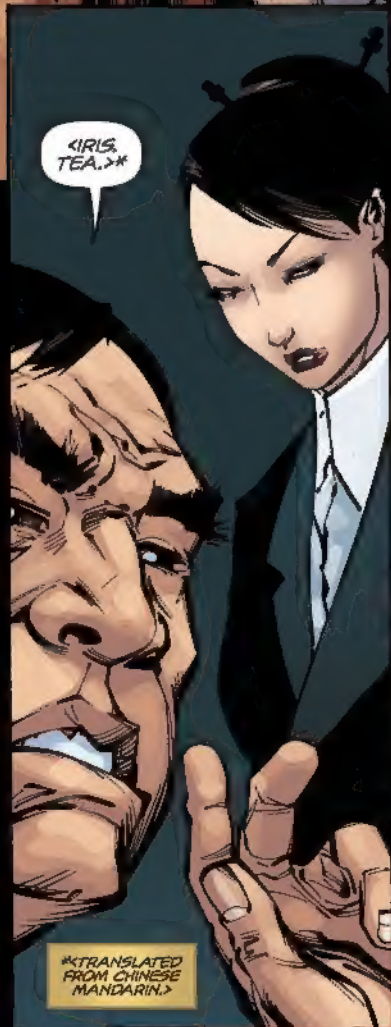
...A PRICE
MUST BE PAID.

TWO DAYS AGO.
SHANGHAI, CHINA.

YOU HAVE
MADE A VERY
GENEROUS OFFER,
MY FRIEND...
...BUT
UNFORTUNATELY
I MUST DECLINE.

IT'S NOTHING
PERSONAL, I ASSURE
YOU. STRICTLY
BUSINESS.

THE TRUTH
OF THE MATTER
IS, WHILE YOUR DEAL
WAS QUITE LUCRATIVE,
OTHER INTERESTS
HAVE BEEN QUITE...
PERSUASIVE.





MR. KRIOV,
I HOPE THERE IS
SOMETHING WE CAN
DO TO CHANGE
YOUR MIND.

MY COMPANY HAS
SPENT A CONSIDER-
ABLE AMOUNT OF TIME
AND RESOURCES ON THIS
ARRANGEMENT. IT WOULD
BE A SHAME TO LOSE
IT NOW.



HMM.
MAYBE I COULD
BE PERSUADED
TO RECONSIDER.
GIVEN THE RIGHT...
MOTIVATION.



OF
COURSE.



WELL, THEN. NOW
THAT I SEE WHERE YOUR
INTERESTS LIE, PLEASE
ALLOW ME TO SUBMIT A
NEW PROPOSAL...



...ONE THAT
BEFITS OUR CURRENT
RELATIONSHIP...

"...WITH THE PROPER
INCENTIVES."

THREE MEN IN THE
GUARDHOUSE, ONE
PATROLLING THE
PERIMETER.

PERHAPS KRILOV
WAS EXPECTING SOME
COMPANY...

BOKK

<HNH??>*

<MIKHAIL--
HANG UP THE
GODDAMMED PHONE
AND TAKE A LOOK
OUTSIDE.>

<ASSHOLE.>

*TRANSLATED
FROM RUSSIAN.*





DAMMIT, ALEX!!

WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU?!

NOUULLIGHT*

THUK

STCH TCH.
FORGOT TO CHECK
FOR ANYONE ELSE BEFORE
REVEALING YOUR POSITION.
SUCH AN AMATEURISH
MISTAKE.>



<WHO ARE YOU? GUOANBU?? KRILOV TOLD ME THAT CHING HAD CONNECTIONS THERE.>

*CHINESE SECRET SERVICE.

<NO MATTER, JUST TELL ME IF I CAN EXPECT ANY MORE VISITORS TONIGHT AND PERHAPS WE CAN WORK OUT SOME SORT OF... ARRANGEMENT....>



<SILENT UNTIL THE VERY END, I LIKE THAT. ADDS A LITTLE MYSTERY TO THE-- UH-->



<--YOU-- YOU'RE THE-->



THANKS

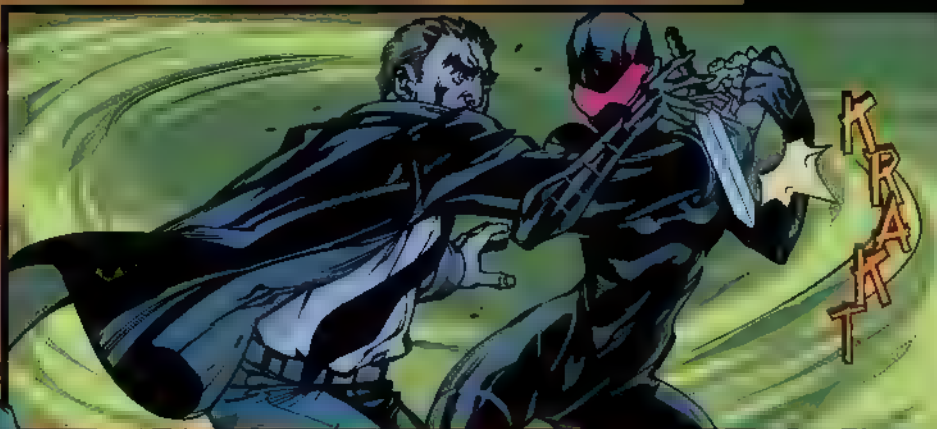


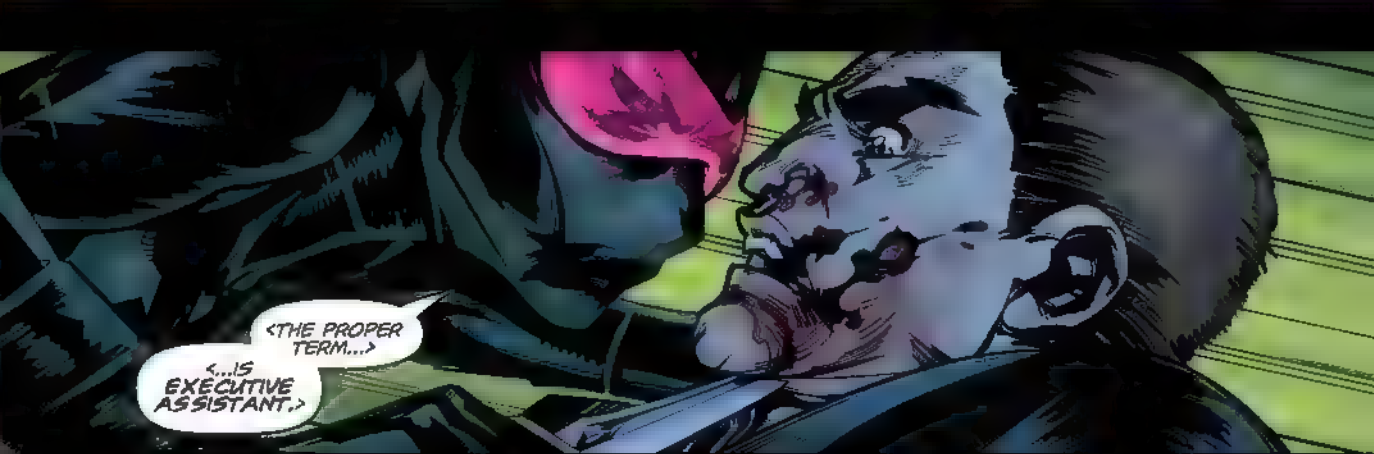
<YES, HIS
SECRETARY, I
REMEMBER YOUR
EYES.>

<WELL, WELL,
YOU CERTAINLY
ARE TALENTED.>

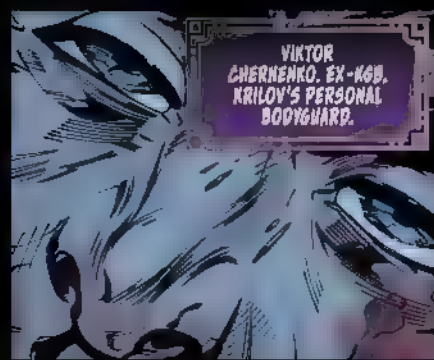


<IS IT...
NNNGGHHH... TRUE
WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT
YOU PEOPLE? THAT YOU'RE
NOT... JUST HIS SECRETARY...
AND BODYGUARD...
BUT HIS WHORE
AS WELL-->

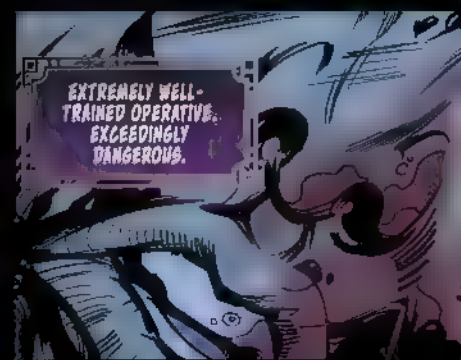




<THE PROPER TERM...>
<...IS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.>



VIKTOR
CHERNEKO. EX-KGB.
KRILOV'S PERSONAL
BODYGUARD.



EXTREMELY WELL-
TRAINED OPERATIVE.
EXCEEDINGLY
DANGEROUS.



TENDENCY TOWARD
OVERCONFIDENCE CAN
BE DISADVANTAGEOUS
FOR HIM.

WUMP









THE DEAL WILL PROCEED
AS PLANNED.

DISCIPLINE HAS
BEEN RESTORED.

MY NAME IS IRIS.

I'M AN
EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT.

TO BE CONTINUED IN

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ASSISTANT
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